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Wabash Marketplace announces Downtown Bucks giveaway

The popular "Stamping Map" during Downtown Holiday Night to Remember is being replaced with a new program called "Shop Local to Win." Wabash Marketplace is giving away \$1,000 over four weeks. Winners will be announced Monday, Dec. 21. Giveaway amounts range from \$20 to \$100. Downtown Bucks are available for purchase online and in-person at Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution every other Wednesday

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 and Jan. 27, 2021 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more

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COVID-19 spread remains elevated as Wabash County still in orange

Four new local deaths were reported by the ISDH on Thursday alone

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 32nd COVID-19 death in Wabash County. And on

Thursday, the ISDH reported the 33rd, 34th, 35th and 36th local deaths.

For a second week in a row, Wabash County's COVID-19 spread remained in the orange status, the second-highest. The ISDH results are as of 11:59 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14. The county metrics map is updated at noon Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

Before lowering to orange, Wabash County's status has previously been at red, the highest level.

As a result of being listed at orange, Wabash County must limit both indoor and outdoor social gatherings to 50 people maximum. Under Gov. Eric Holcomb's latest executive order, exceptions will no longer be made for gatherings of any kind that exceed 50 people.

Vaccinations continue at Parkview; begin at Lutheran, elsewhere

At 12:09 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, Parkview Health made history by administering the first COVID-19 vaccine in the state of Indiana.

On Monday, Parkview Health public relations manager Tami Brigle said Parkview anticipated receiving a shipment

of about 2,000 doses of the vaccine this week and 8,000 doses next week.

On Thursday, Brigle said they had administered more than 650 vaccines to healthcare personnel from Monday through Wednesday.

More than 20,000 Indiana healthcare workers statewide have already registered to get their first

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Living Well helps seniors stay connected



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Living Well in Wabash County CEO Beverly Ferry said among the new offerings they had introduced to connect with local seniors was the Friendly Caller program.

Senior Center seeks to connect with the most vulnerable during holidays

By **ROB BURGESS**

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While the holidays are normally a time for gathering and fellowship with family and friends, the pandemic has left local senior citizens more susceptible to loneliness than usual.

But, employees and volunteers with Living Well in Wabash County have been working to make sure those they serve don't feel quite so isolated.

Reaching out to those at home

On Thursday, CEO Beverly Ferry said the transition to fewer in-person services at the Winchester Senior Center had been "interesting."

"Remote services require more staff time," said Ferry. "We haven't had an activity leader for quite a while."

Ferry said they were "fortunately" able to hire Jan Mattern and Linda Delong to work the front line with seniors and share the activity position.

Ferry said among the new offerings they had introduced to connect with local seniors was the Friendly Caller program. This service features

phone calls from the team as well as being in contact with families.

Ferry said also, senior activity packets were distributed for the first time. Ferry said their team puts together a packet of puzzles, articles and crafts. The packets are about 36 pages and they mail out around 300 per month. Ferry said they were also mailing their 16-page monthly newsletter to nearly 1,000 recipients for the first time.

Ferry said people should do what they can in their own lives to reach out to seniors who might be feeling neglected.

"Think of the seniors you know, down the street, from church and across the country.

Consider sending a surprise to them, or a card, or go caroling from the street," said Ferry. "Normally, I would say share your baked goodies, but you would have to exercise caution due to COVID. Calling a senior, wishing them a Merry Christmas will help them feel connected. If you have children in your family consider having your kids create artwork such as a drawing."

Making face-to-face contact, safely

Ferry said even though in-person events inside the building haven't been an

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MGH begins vaccinating health care workers

Extra doses will help shipment go farther for Grant and Wabash County front line workers

By **TIM TEDESCHI**

Chronicle-Tribune Managing Editor

Dr. Philip Renfroe checked in at Marion General Hospital a little before 8 a.m. Friday, a few minutes early for his appointment. He was then led to a table, filled out some paperwork and indicated he would prefer the injection in his left arm since his right arm is dominant.

This scenario has happened millions of times before with a variety of immunizations, but what happened next was history in the making as a volunteer administered the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, making Renfroe one of the first health care workers in Grant and Wabash counties to receive the vaccine. More than 1,000 other front line health care workers from the two counties will be going

through the same process as part of MGH's first shipment of the vaccine.

Renfroe — a family physician with Indiana Health Centers, assistant professor at Indiana Wesleyan's graduate public health program and a member of the Grant County Health Board — said he had reviewed the side effects with the vaccine and was prepared to experience some burning or pain with the injection, but in his experience the vaccination "was not painful at all."

"And of course I'm just now getting the vaccine so I've got to wait and see how my body responds to it," he said.

Following the vaccination, Renfroe was led to another table where he immediately scheduled the required second dose of the vaccine 21-



Photo by Tim Tedeschi / Chronicle-Tribune

A volunteer at Marion General Hospital's COVID-19 vaccine clinic vaccinates Dr. Philip Renfroe with his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Renfroe will come back 21-28 days from Friday to receive his required second dose.

28 days from Friday. He then sat with other newly-vaccinated health care workers for 10-15 minutes so those running the clinic can observe any possible reactions to the vaccination.

Through his different roles,

Renfroe said he has been intimately involved with the fight against COVID in a number of ways, from treating patients at the clinic to helping formulate IWU's

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Local, state leaders look to address housing shortages

Crouch names it as one of her top issues in Holcomb's Next Level Agenda

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

As local and state leaders forward to 2021, lack of adequate housing remains near the top of their list of priorities.

They say economic expansion depends on addressing a problem that touches every size of community in the state.

On Thursday, Gov. Eric Holcomb and Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch addressed the 29th annual Dentons Legislative Conference to present their 2021 Next Level Agenda. During their remarks, Crouch said housing stock was of "critical importance" as they sought to continue building the state's workforce.

Wabash County looks to the future

On Thursday, Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith A. Gillenwater said housing is "absolutely a

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Three churches plan joint Christmas Eve service at 13-24 Drive In

Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Friends Church combine forces

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Three Wabash churches have combined forces to offer a unique in-person worship service for Christmas Eve.

On Wednesday, Wabash Presbyterian Church Pastor Jonathan P. Cornell said his church, along with First United Methodist Church and Wabash Friends Church would partner to host a service on Thursday, Dec. 24 at the 13-24 Drive-In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The service will take place at 7 p.m., with gates opening at approximately 6 p.m.

Cornell said the service

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Give the gift of thanks

By DAVE PHILLIPS

Need a gift idea for Christmas? The price is right. It will cost a little effort but can bring great rewards to you and the recipient. It is not gold, frankincense or myrrh, the gifts given to the baby Jesus. Yet, this is a gift God still likes to receive today. This gift will feed your soul and the souls of those you give it to. This gift is “thank you.”

In II Corinthians Paul encourages us to “give thanks to God for his indescribable gift.” (9:15) It is written in the context of being generous to meet the needs of fellow believers facing financial difficulties in midst of hard times. Our generosity is based on God’s generosity. We celebrate the birth of this wonderful gift on Christmas. Jesus is this gift that cannot be measured by mere words. God became flesh and became one of us. He was born into a world in chaos, brokenness, disease and fragmentation. He came to forgive his people of their sin by dying on the cross, taking our guilt, shame and sin upon himself. In all ways, he was tempted as we, yet without sin. He came to give people life, love, joy and peace. He came to give us eternal life. Death is

not the end. Resurrection is ahead. Thank you, Jesus.

Giving thanks is one way we express the will of God. “In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God concerning you.” (I Thessalonians 5:18) In everything: the good, the bad, the ugly. Life is not always fair and is full of pain and sorrow. Life does not always make sense. We can thank God for his presence with us and his plans for us. One way we express trust in Him is to thank Him in the midst of the dark and uncertain. He causes all things to work together for good to those who trust in Him. If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing can separate us from his love. There is no condemnation for those who trust in Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.

Take time right now to give a big thank you to God. Make a list of what you are thankful for this Christmas season. Big things, little things, all things. Share with others how thankful you are for God and his goodness.

Paul also writes how thankful he is for others.

“We give thanks to God always for all of you.” (I Thessalonians 1:2) Several times he expresses appreciation in his letters to the

churches. When was the last time you expressed thanks to your spouse, your parents, your children, grandchildren, neighbors, co-workers, etc.? Paul thanked God for them. Make a list of people who are important to you. Pray over that list. Thank God for them. Intentionally make plans to give them the gift of thanks. Write a note or have a conversation. Share things about them you appreciate and acknowledge how they have blessed your life. See how their faces change. See what happens in your soul.

Recently, someone took me out to lunch just to thank me. It was a great conversation and a good gift. It may be hard for you to receive thanks from others. With grace and humility receive the gift. Then thank God for it.

Begin each day thanking God for his faithfulness, for another day. Thank your loved ones for who they are and for even the little things they do for you. Thank those who serve you in stores and anywhere you might go. Wake up each morning thanking God for his indescribable gift. Make every day a ‘thank you’ Christmas. Thank you, Jesus.

Dave Phillips is the pastor of Wabash Friends Church.

Indiana reports 84 more COVID-19 deaths, 6K more cases

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana health officials reported 6,088 new coronavirus infections and 84 additional COVID-19 deaths Friday as the state continued to see a slight decrease in coronavirus-related hospitalizations following a spike.

The newly confirmed deaths, which occurred over several days, raised Indiana’s toll to 7,265, including both confirmed and presumed infections, the Indiana State Department of Health said.

The number of Indiana res-

idents known to have had the coronavirus is now up to 453,139.

The state agency also reported that 3,065 Hoosiers were hospitalized with COVID-19 on Thursday at Indiana’s hospitals – 82 fewer patients than were hospitalized as of Wednesday and the fewest hospitalized in 29 days.

Of those being treated, 674 people are in intensive care, the fewest in five weeks, according to the state agency’s daily statistic update.

Indiana’s front-line health

care workers began receiving the state’s first shots of Pfizer’s vaccine against COVID-19 this week, but uncertainties remain about future numbers of incoming doses and who should be inoculated next.

While front-line health care personnel are first-up to get the shots in Indiana, the state’s chief medical officer, Dr. Lindsay Weaver, asked other residents on Wednesday to “please be patient – your turn is coming as more vaccine arrives.”

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:21 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:59 a.m.

 First 12/21	 Full 12/29	 Last 1/6	 New 1/13
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 79%. South wind 8 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 45% chance of showers, overnight low of 34°. South southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 30°.

Honeywell seeking artist entries for Clark Gallery 92 County Art Show

Annual event to welcome artists from 92 Indiana counties virtually

STAFF REPORT

Calling all amateur and professional artists.

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery from Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 to Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, according to public relations and marketing coordinator Morgan Ellis.

Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4. The competition is open to artists of all ages living in any of the 92 Indiana counties. The 92 County Art Show is sponsored by the Eclectic Shoppe.

Marking its 29th year in 2021, the 92 County Art Show is open to any artistic medium excluding photography.

For a list of complete guidelines and artist entry information, visit HoneywellArts.org/92-county.

The exhibit will be avail-



Provided photo

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show in the Honeywell Center Clark Gallery from Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 to Monday, Feb. 15, 2021.

able for public viewing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and will be hosted virtually via HoneywellArts.org and the Honeywell Center’s Facebook and Instagram pages.

“The 92 County Art Show is just one way that the Clark Gallery supports the visual arts. The Clark Gallery hosts more than 10 exhibits per year and features students, amateurs, and professionals. Exhibits include the Wabash County Schools Winter and Spring Banner Competitions,

Themed Art Competition, Photography Show, Wabash Art Guild, and the Holiday Cash & Carry. As Honeywell Arts & Entertainment has pivoted for 2020, the Clark Gallery is now offered for viewing online and in-person with limited hours in the Porter Lobby. All exhibits hosted in the Clark Gallery are free to view to fulfill the mission of The Honeywell Foundation,” said Ellis.

For more information, visit <http://honeywellarts.org/exhibits>.

First-ever online Wabash County YMCA Silent Auction raises \$7K

The amount surpassed last year’s fundraising efforts

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County YMCA hosted its first online Silent Auction, a fundraising event to help fund the Y’s scholarship fund used to provide membership and program assistance, according to CEO Dean Gogolewski.

Last year, participants viewed and bid on numerous auction items in person at the YMCA. While participants this year were still able to view several items in the YMCA’s lobby, all bidding was conducted online. The transition to an online auction was in part due to COVID-19 restrictions, as well as allowed all

to view and bid, regardless of their location.

On Nov. 23, the Silent Auction opened to the public. Generous donations from community businesses and partners contributed to the Y’s fundraising efforts. The auction ended on Dec. 7. Over the two weeks, the Wabash County YMCA raised \$7,000, surpassing last year’s fundraising efforts for the Silent Auction.


Highlighted auction items included a 2019 Indianapolis Colts autographed football, a chance to name your ice cream creation by White Rock Recreation, sports gear from area high schools, tasty treats from numerous restaurants, gift cards to amazing local community businesses and more.

“As a leading, commu-

nity cause-driven organization, the Wabash County YMCA is focused on nurturing the potential of youth, promoting healthy living, and inspiring social responsibility. Recovering from the difficulties associated with the pandemic, the Silent Auction event raises funds that contribute to the Y’s ability to support the community by providing financial assistance and subsidized health and wellness programs for children and teens and is proud to be a part of a generous, philanthropic community that cares for its neighbors,” said Gogolewski.

“The Wabash County YMCA is grateful for the generous support of all auction donors and participants.”

For more information, visit www.wabashcountyymca.org.



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Obituaries

Donna Mae Lenora (Held) Blanke

March 10, 1935 – Dec. 15, 2020

Donna Mae Lenora (Held) Blanke, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, entered eternal life at 8:07 am, Tuesday, December 15, 2020. She was born, March 10, 1935, in Jackson, Wisconsin, to Alfred and Mathilda (Ziegler) Held.

Donna grew up in the small town of Jackson, Wisconsin. She attended Jackson Grade School and was a graduate of West Bend High School. Her life ambition was to become an elementary school teacher. Pursuing her dream, she attended Lakeland University and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Donna married Rev. David Blanke at the Peace Church in Jackson, Wisconsin on August 3, 1957. After moving to Wabash, Donna taught in the Wabash City Schools. She taught at Eastwood and West Ward Elementary Schools, before going to O.J. Neighbours, where she taught 3rd and 4th grade for 29 years. While teaching at O.J. Neighbours, she obtained her goal by securing her Masters in Education at St. Francis University in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In addition to her responsibilities as a teacher, Donna also worked as a Mentor Teacher for Manchester University, overseeing the training of student teachers.

For many years, Donna was a member of St. Matthews United Church of Christ where her husband was the Pastor. She was a current member of the Wabash Christian Church and was active in the Women's Circle. Donna also belonged to the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association and the local chapter of the Retired Teachers Association. She enjoyed flower gardening, traveling, camping, music and singing, and most of all she loved the Christmas season. Her most cherished memories were spending time with her husband, daughters,



son-in-laws, and especially her two grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Rev. David Lee Blanke of Wabash, two daughters, Terri Lynn (Kenny) Chapman of Middletown, Indiana, and Lori Sue (Rick) Pernod of Wabash, and two grandchildren, Courtney Marie (Tal) Radaker of Fishers, Indiana, and Ryan Nathaniel (Mikka) Chapman of Markleville, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Frederick Held, and sisters, Dorthea Lockwood, Margaret Jaeger, and Ruth Griesemer.

Private funeral services will be held at the Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill Street, Wabash, with Rev. Haley Asberry officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. There will be a public Celebration of Donna's Life at a later date.

The preferred memorial is O.J. Neighbours Elementary School, for a Reading Program in Memory of Donna Blanke. Donations can be mailed directly to the school at 1545 N. Wabash Street, Wabash, IN 46992. Please specify your donation as the "Reading Program in Memory of Donna Blanke."

The memorial guest book for Donna may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Julia A. Hamilton

June 25, 1939 – Dec. 15, 2020

Julia A. Hamilton, 81, of Rochester, Indiana, died at 7:56 am, on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. She was born June 25, 1939 in Wabash, Indiana, to Fred and Marjorie (Garrison) Parks.

Julia worked at General Telephone in Wabash for 28 years. She married Albert "Ed" Hamilton; he preceded her in death. Julia enjoyed traveling with Ed on their Honda Goldwing motorcycle, and playing bingo.

She is survived by two children, Deborah Brubaker of

Rochester, and Mark Hamilton of Peru, Indiana, four grandchildren, Mark (Emily) Hamilton of North Carolina, Rodney Hamilton of Mississippi, Dustin Brubaker and Andy Brubaker, both of Rochester, and four great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and one sister.

There will be no services. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Julia may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Gary D. Meyer

Services for Gary D. Meyer, 79, of Wabash, were 2:00 pm, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Tom Richards officiated and Carolyn Eppley was the musician.

Memories shared by family

and friends. Pallbearers were Tim Meyer, Thomas Meyer, Ethan Harger, Brody Cooper, Hayley Meyer, and Leon Whitstone. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Military honors by US Army Honors team and Wabash V.F.W. Post 286.

Dora Marie Fraustein Denniston

Services for Dora Marie Fraustein Denniston, 89, of Wabash, were 10:00 am, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. David Stokes officiated.

Pallbearers were Thomas Fraustein, Darren Lehman, Michael Rose, David Tyner, Eddie Blair, Anthony Lehman, Christopher Lehman, and Brad Tyner. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Margret Ann Hall

Dec. 16, 1933 – Dec. 14, 2020

Margret Ann Hall, 86, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:15 pm, Monday, December 14, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born December 16, 1933 in Wabash, to Clifford and Mary Elizabeth (Lehman) Strickler.

Margret was a 1951 graduate of Wabash High School. She married the love of her life and soulmate, Lawrence Russell Hall at the North Evangelical United Brethren Church in Wabash on June 15, 1963; he died July 18, 2020, on his 81st birthday, still doting and looking out for her. Margret worked as a telephone operator at General Telephone, and also worked at General Tire, Diehl Machine, MSD of Wabash County, and the Wabash Clinic on Ash Street, all in Wabash. She also babysat numerous children in Wabash from her home and had her own house cleaning business. Margret was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. She loved cooking, especially baked goods. Having all of her children home on holidays was special to her. On holidays she would always make sure children took home a bag of her homemade cookies and party mix. Any visitor to her house would never leave hungry, as Margret would always offer up a meal.

She is survived by four children, Michael D. (Cora) Hall and Lori L. (DeWayne) Miller, both of Wabash, Michelle D. (Jack) Welch-Smith, MD of Georgetown, South Carolina, and Lawrence R. "Russ" Hall, II of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, seven grandchildren, Thomas



Hall, Kathryn (Christopher) Crace, Rachel Walters, and Kayla (Chris) Nordman, all of Wabash, Stephanie (Zack) Yarde of North Manchester, Indiana, Matthew (Justine) Welch of Washington, DC, and Abby Welch of Clemson, South Carolina, eight great-grandchildren, along with special friend Roderick Unger of North Manchester. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Clifford Strickler, Richard Strickler, Larry Strickler, and James Strickler, and her grandson, Michael "Mickey" Hall.

Funeral services will be 4:00 pm, Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 2-4 pm Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Shop with a Cop (a program to bring Christmas to children in need).

The memorial guest book for Margret may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Mary Donna 'Tillie' LaSalle

July 20, 1932 – Dec. 15, 2020

Mary Donna "Tillie" LaSalle, 88, of rural Amboy, Indiana, died at 11:00 am, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at her farm. She was born July 20, 1932 in Wabash County, Indiana, to Walter P. and Juanita Sue (Gift) Shaw.

Tillie was a graduate of Wabash High School and Indiana University. She married Richard M. LaSalle MD in Wabash on June 13, 1953; he died April 5, 1985. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Wabash Medical Center for her husband Dr. Richard LaSalle. She was a member of the Altrusa Club in Wabash, and was a former Wabash City Councilwoman. Tillie lived many years in Wabash, loved summers on Lake Tippecanoe and enjoyed her last few years living on her farm.

She is survived by two children, Jeff (Robbi) LaSalle of Peru, Indiana, and



Laurie (Mike) Garber of Amboy, three grandchildren, Kelli (Patrick) Gunter of Galveston, Indiana, Joe (Kari) Pence of Bippus, Indiana, and Sara (Dustin) Fowler of Rochester, Indiana, 8 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and three brothers, Paul, Don, and Gene Shaw.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, services will be private. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

The memorial guest book for Tillie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Laura Belle Wolfe

Laura Belle Wolfe, 94, North Manchester, passed away December 16, 2020 at Wellbrook of Wabash, Wabash, Indiana.

The memory of Laura Belle Wolfe will be forever remembered by her sons, James S. Wolfe, Akron, Indiana, Jack M. Wolfe, North Manchester, Joe D. (Tari) Wolfe, Wabash, Indiana, and Jay L. (Lori)

Wolfe, Andrews, Indiana; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, November 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at South Pleasant Cemetery, Silver Lake, Indiana with Pastor Terry Bishir officiating.

The family of Laura Bell Wolfe has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

Ollie W. 'Pee Wee' Cagle

Feb. 18, 1935 – Dec. 15, 2020

Ollie W. "Pee Wee" Cagle, 85, North Manchester passed away December 15, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. One of ten boys, Ollie was born in Lexington, Tennessee to Lon and Mary Ann (Stanfield) Cagle on February 18, 1935.

On July 5, 1958, Ollie married Barbara Ann Meyer. The two were wed for 51 years when Barbara passed away on their 51st wedding anniversary. Ollie was a Volunteer Fireman with the North Manchester Fire Department for over 25 years attaining the rank of Assistant Fire Chief and received his 50 year gold pin from the North Manchester Fire Department. Pee Wee retired from Singer Controls Company of North Manchester in 2000 after working there for 37 years. He was an avid fisherman including ice fishing, enjoyed taking care of his yard, and bowled on many area bowling leagues. He and his wife enjoyed going to Michigan and mushroom hunting. Pee Wee served in the United States Air Force and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post # 286 and a 50 year member of the Moose Lodge # 1518 both of North Manchester, IN and attended Congregational Christian Church.

The loving memory of Ollie W. Cagle will be forever cherished by his son, Gary W. (Krista) Cagle and daughter, Judy A. (Darrell) Watson both of North Manchester; two brothers, James (Jimmie) Earl Cagle and Harold (Jennie) Cagle, both of Memphis, Tennessee;



four grandchildren, Justin and Andrew Cagle, Brittany (Matt) Mathias, and Kaylee (Marcus) Rogers; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and seven brothers, Alton, Louis Fay, Homer, Ray, Billy Joe, DeRoy, and Lv Cagle.

Friends and family may call Friday, December 18, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services for Ollie will be held Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with calling one hour prior. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate and burial will be held at Fairview Cemetery, Servia, Indiana.

For those who wish to honor the memory of Ollie W. "Pee Wee" Cagle, memorial contributions may be made to the North Manchester Fire Department, 709 West Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

The family of Ollie Cagle has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

Ray Villmer Arnett

Aug. 17, 1942 – Dec. 16, 2020

Ray Villmer Arnett, 78, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:00 am, Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at his residence. He was born on August 17, 1942 in McGoffin County, Kentucky, to Clay and Maude (Howard) Arnett.

Ray was a 1959 graduate of Salyersville High School in Salyersville, Kentucky, and was a US Army veteran. Ray worked for Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo, and enjoyed bowling and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving caregiver and wife of 30 years, Pauline Arnett of Wabash, four children, Dendra Arnett of Wabash, Ray (Pam) Arnett, Jr. of Bringsford, Indiana, Dana (Tom) Graf of Wabash, and Teddie Rae Arnett of Gas City, Indiana, four grandchildren, James Robert, Marleey, Demi, and Ronnie "Little Man," step-daughter, Elizabeth J. Burton of Tennessee,



siblings, Sally Wireman of Kentucky, Curt (Jean) Arnett and Sidney (Barb) Arnett, both of Wabash, Indiana, Lillian (Everly) Wheeler,

Sandra (Don) Lewis, and Jerry (Zandra) Arnett, all of Kentucky, and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Arnett of North Liberty, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Morris Arnett.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 18, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call one hour prior Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Christian Heritage Church. The memorial guest book for Ray may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Imogene 'Joyce' Bradford

Imogene "Joyce" Bradford, 87, of LaFontaine, passed away at 12:04 a.m. on December 13, 2020.

Joyce is survived by two sons, Joe (Connie) Bradford, Jr. of Matthews and Jay (Sylvia Newman) Bradford of LaFontaine; sister, Mary Goodknight of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Due to Covid restrictions, the family will have a private

graveside service at Grant Memorial Park.

Funeral services have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the Caroline Symmes Cancer Endowment, <https://www.carolinesymmes.org>

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

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information, visit www.curehunger.org, www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Charley Creek Gardens Yule Time Stroll planned

The Charley Creek Gardens will be open for its 11th Annual Yule Time Stroll with casually lighted pathways for guests to enjoy. Every evening from 6 to 9 p.m. through Wednesday, Dec. 23, the Gardens will be open for guests to walk through with families, friends and thermoses of hot cocoa. Charley

Creek Gardens is located at 551 N. Miami St. and parking for the Gardens is located at 518 N. Wabash St. Yule Time Stroll is free and open to the public. For more information, visit CharleyCreekGardens.org/events.

Salamonie to hold Winter Forest Day Camp

Salamonie Lake has announced an outdoor day camp from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, to Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Children ages 7 to 13 are welcome. The early bird registration discount ends Monday, Dec. 21. Events scheduled during the day camp include a daily hike,

sit spots, games, shelter and fire building, small groups to prepare and present short presentations on nature topics. Participants will also meet education birds-of-prey ambassadors. The cost per child is \$60 and \$55 for each additional sibling. Register and pay by Monday, Dec. 21 and save \$10 per child. For more information and registration, call 260-468-2127. Limited space is available. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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would include "beloved Christmas carols, a Christmas message and an opportunity to gather safely and responsibly with others at Christmas."

Cornell said attendees will be required to remain in their vehicles throughout the service.

On Thursday, Cornell said the event came about because their congregations have worked together in the past "to try and think safely and creatively about how we can provide a chance for people to worship together this Christmas."

"We had attempted to pull Drive-In Easter together last spring but were not able," said Cornell. "The Honey-

well Foundation has been extraordinarily supportive, Afia Irani and his team are the best."

Cornell said the pandemic has meant that many parishioners have worshiped virtually "for a very long time."

"The lack of contact with our brothers and sisters has been palpable," said Cornell. "Part of the challenge of this has been how to provide a safe and socially distant but also a personal opportunity for people to worship together. Using the 13-24 Drive In provides a perfect chance to gather in person at a distance and remain in the safety of our cars, while also celebrating Christmas together."

Cornell said many seniors in their churches "continue to be in places of isolation, which poses a difficult challenge to keep in contact."

"However through radio broadcast virtual gatherings online over YouTube or Facebook or other mediums we have been able to bridge that gap," said Cornell. "However nothing compares to the tenderness of a warm hug or handshake which has been missing these last several months. It has been very difficult, not only for our seniors but (also) for those of us who love and cherish the friendships of them."

Cornell said tickets for the event are free but must be reserved in advance, as there are only 350 spots available.

To access tickets visit wabashfirstumc.org or Wabashfirstumc.Ticketleap.com/christmaseve.

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

Leaders must never take for granted the well-being of rural communities

The Democratic Party's left wing and centrist establishment are doing plenty of finger-pointing over which group was primarily responsible for the party's losses this year.

But one thing should be glaringly obvious to the Democrats in their post-election analysis: They must do a better job of addressing the needs of the working class, including in rural America.

As President-elect Joe Biden's team prepares to enter the White House and with a new session of Congress coming up, here are some areas where the Democrats should concentrate their efforts to better serve rural communities.

Improving health care. More than 175 rural hospitals have closed in the past 15 years, with most of those closures happening since 2010. And of the nearly 100 that have shut down in the past 10 years, about one-third were critical access facilities.

That's stranded many rural residents dozens upon dozens of miles away from the nearest medical center, many well over 100 miles removed. Nevada has not been immune, as Tonopah's hospital closed in 2015. And the health care situation on Native American reservations is even more severe than the general rural health care crisis and must be addressed as well.

Democrats should lead the way in supporting the array of existing federal programs that foster support for existing medical facilities, and should be on the forefront of innovative policies to establish new ones. Improved telehealth should also be a priority.

The Affordable Care Act has helped millions of Americans in both rural and urban settings get medical coverage. But now, Democrats need to be just as bold in re-establishing convenient access to health care in remote locations, and in enhancing incentives for health care providers to live and work in those areas.

Today, there are many counties with no ICU beds – at a time when COVID-19 is ravaging communities. In three counties in Nevada, there are zero certified physicians. That's unacceptable. Leaders on both sides of the aisle must rectify the situation.

The need for better access applies to mental health as well: There's a growing gap between suicide rates in rural and urban areas that urgently needs to be addressed.

And needless to say, Democratic leaders must work to protect the ACA, repair the damage it incurred under the Trump administration, and expand coverage.

Focus on the economic needs of small farms and small communities, which Democrats have not been consistent about. In an excellent column for Politico, a rural Democratic Party leader in Wisconsin urged leaders to break the stranglehold of multinational agribusiness corporations on the farm economy. He said that when the Obama administration presided over the Kraft-Heinz and JBS-Cargill mergers, the county's residents saw it as a betrayal of Obama's election promises.

"I have spoken with supporters of (President Donald Trump) who were well aware of his shortcomings or admitted to disliking his leadership style, but who nonetheless believed he was willing to stand up to 'elitist' Democrats and fight for citizens like them," wrote the columnist, Bill Hogseth. "For years, rural people have heard they are voting 'against their own self-interest' when they elect Republicans, or that they vote the 'wrong way' because they are uneducated. These are arrogant and damaging messages that are not easily forgotten. The reality, as I saw in my conversations with voters this year, is that many rural people have lost trust in the Democratic Party."

Democrats should provide a check on corporations devouring rural America while also using tax policy to support small or midsize farms that earn a living on agriculture. Investments in infrastructure and green energy in rural areas are also a must, as is undoing Trump's disruptive tariffs.

Where Biden will go with trade policy isn't entirely clear. He recently told The New York Times he wouldn't immediately dial back Trump's tariffs on China but would develop a "coherent strategy" with Asian and European trade partners. But whatever the administration

does, a key consideration must be returning stability to the ag economy.

Meanwhile, Democrats should wholeheartedly support Biden's plans for infrastructure improvements, job creation and development of renewable energy, all of which have a focus on improving rural communities.

Expanding broadband access. Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto has set a good example for Democrats on this issue, as a prominent advocate for expanding access in rural areas. Many rural residents face a significant deficit in this realm, leaving them behind in education, telehealth, business development and other areas where good access is critical.

Reducing the income gap. The Republican Party's 2016 tax cuts proved unpopular among voters of nearly all stripes, and helped lead to significant gains by the Democrats in the 2018 mid-terms. Although a course correction likely hinges on the outcome of the Senate runoffs in Georgia, Democrats must level the playing field by, among other things, delivering an increase in the federal minimum wage and new rules on corporate governance to deter companies from using profits to buy back stock – which is funneling \$800 billion a year in corporate profits to further enrich the ultrawealthy instead of being invested in the companies' workforces, research and development, financial reserves, etc.

Bolstering Native American communities. Not all tribal members live in rural communities, of course, but many do. The Democrats must work to address shameful deficiencies in federal government resources for education, infrastructure, health care, and other areas on Native American lands while also addressing forms of systematic racism such as voter suppression and inequities in the justice system in those communities.

Again, these are only some of the areas where the Democratic Party needs to focus as part of an all-out effort to help members of the working class regardless of where they live. But the needs of rural communities must be a leading part of the equation.

This editorial was first published in The Las Vegas Sun.

My annual performance review

It is customary this time of year for opinion columnists to review their performance and offer a mea culpa where appropriate. My list is long enough that I thought I'd get an early start.

My biggest mistake is actually four years old, which can be explained but not, as it turns out, justified. On the eve of Election 2016, I wrote that we'd survive as a nation no matter who won, Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton. I did not say we'd be fine. Mere survival seemed a fairly safe bet and, so, I gambled all my chips on our system of checks and balances.

Writers often say they write the books – or columns – they need to read. Though I had been consistently critical of candidate Trump since the first rumor surfaced that he might run for president, I had become convinced six weeks before Election Day in 2016 that he was going to win. This insight was based upon my familiarity with his base – the folks Clinton fatefully called "deplorables." But I thought we'd get through it OK. That proved to be a mistake.

Every time President Trump did something objectionable, which was more or less daily, Twitter would remind me of my earlier error. The checks and balances conceived by the creators of our republic and in which I had placed my faith weren't nearly as strong as I had believed. They've only eroded further under Trump, leaving us at the end of his term, literally, not surviving.

No one could have predicted the coronavirus pandemic, which has taken nearly 295,000 American lives so far. In retrospect, it's not surprising that Trump mishandled matters during the early stages of the virus when swift, decisive actions might have made a difference. We now know that he is that bad a human being and that lousy a leader. We've come not to expect just worse from him but the worst. If once I thought that he'd be at least rational – or I viewed his rallies as harmless sideshows – I've been thoroughly disabused of such notions.

Not much could be worse than hosting super-spreader events and refusing to wear a mask or urging people not to fear the virus because, after all, he caught it and was treated by the best doctors in the world. It isn't much of a leap from that kind of behavior to 49 percent of Americans saying they would not get the coronavirus vaccine if it were available today. This doesn't necessarily mean that all who are vaccine-resistant are Trump supporters. But I wouldn't be surprised if a Venn diagram showed a significant overlap. Trump's only modest shot for redemption for his performance on the virus is to get the vaccine in a very public way and encourage others to do the same. It's not too late to change minds and save lives.

In the meantime, as the physical health of the nation worsens, the bonds of trust between leaders and citizens are nearing an irrevocable breaking point. Trump's call to overthrow the 2020 election, which gained traction through a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, R, against four swing states, has exposed the underbelly of the GOP. There's nothing some Republicans won't do to hold onto power, even at the expense of the country's dwindling chances to unite in common cause. Seventeen additional Republican attorneys general joined Paxton's suit, while 126 Republican House members signed an amicus brief supporting Paxton's request that the Supreme Court overturn President-elect Joe Biden's victory. The court dismissed the request Friday night. (The suit filed by Paxton, by the way, came just weeks after learning he was the subject of a federal investigation into allegations that he improperly used his office to help a political donor.)

It is utterly mind-boggling that we've reached this point. Republicans continue to stall essential COVID-19 relief funding, while the amicus-brief signatories apparently would rather cling to a possible Trump run in 2024 than act with character and courage. Worst of all, people whose minds have been warped by lies, conspiracy theories and disinformation would rather risk death and/or harm to others and themselves than wear a mask for a few more weeks.

For Pete's sake, people: What is wrong with you? What's wrong is Trump, was Trump, forever-will-be Trump. His overthrow-campaign is almost certainly doomed because there simply is no evidence to support his claims of voter fraud. Facts still matter. But the mess he'll leave behind in less than 40 days won't be tidied up soon, if ever. I'd like to un-write that column. To anyone who may have read it and found solace in my words, I apologize.

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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 19, the 354th day of 2020. There are 12 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Dec. 19, 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was subsequently acquitted by the Senate).

On this date:

In 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to camp for the winter.

In 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

In 1915, legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf was born in Paris. German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer, who discovered the pathological condition of dementia, died in Breslau (now Wroclaw), Poland, at age 51.

In 1946, war broke out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launched widespread attacks against the French.

In 1960, fire broke out on the hangar deck of the nearly completed aircraft carrier USS Constellation at the New York Naval Shipyard; 50 civilian workers were killed.

LETTERS

Welcome to the politics of the 1830s

Our Congressman, Jim Banks, chose to support the Texas lawsuit overturning votes from the November 2020 election in the states of Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Our Congressman, Jim Banks, chose to begin the erosion of our democracy.

Our Congressman, Jim Banks, chose to destroy the sanctity of our right to vote.

Our Congressman, Jim Banks, chose political party over country.

Our Congressman, Jim Banks, chose to end the dignity of our system of self-government.

Our Congressman, Jim Banks, cynically assumes that by 2022 we will have forgotten.

**Don Sexton
Columbia City**

Biden should support cultured-meat research

If President-elect Joe Biden is serious about addressing climate change, he should support federal funding for cultured-meat research. For those who don't know, cultured meat is grown from cells, without slaughtering our fellow creatures. It will dramatically reduce the environmental damage caused by animal agriculture.

Cultured meat requires a fraction of the land, freshwater,

and greenhouse-gas emissions that slaughtered flesh does. As Henning Steinfeld of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization said, "Livestock are one of the most significant contributors to today's most serious environmental problems. Urgent action is required to remedy the situation."

The truth is animal agriculture is a leading – if not the leading – cause of global warming. The incoming Biden administration should support the development of cultured meat through funding for open-source research. This revolutionary protein will significantly benefit the environment, as well as animal welfare and human health.

**Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut**

LIFESTYLES

Sugar-coated memories

It's the middle of December, and I should be in the woods. More precisely, I should be in the woods freezing my toes off, quite possibly in the dark, most likely in the rain. And I'm feeling nostalgic.

My family lived in Denmark before we moved to California. Each year, on the first Advent weekend leading to Christmas, we packed up our car with kids, dog and provisions and drove to my sister and brother-in-law's farm, a

Lynda Balslev



thatch-roofed cottage nestled in a pine and beech forest in the center of Zealand, the largest island of Denmark. The capital, Copenhagen, was a mere 60 kilometers away, but once we turned off the highway and snaked our way over the pastoral hills deep into the wooded countryside, it felt like light-years from the bustle of the city.

The winter sun is finicky in Denmark. If it shows its face at all, it's austere and reserved, never shining too high or too bright, shimmering like an icy Nordic beauty. More often than not, it rains. Mindful of the elusive daylight, upon our arrival at the farm we would immediately get to the task at hand. Three generations of family would scatter into the forest to forage holly, twigs, pinecones and moss. We had to work fast. The silvery sun, if visible, would begin its cool descent at 3 p.m., and the cold would eagerly creep in, numbing fingers, toes and tips of noses, despite the paddings of wool and fleece.

As darkness descended, we would return to the farmhouse with our bounty, cold, hungry and wet. Fires would be stoked in the ovens, glogg (mulled wine) would be heated on the stove, and we would claim a space, shoulder to shoulder, at the long kitchen table. Our harvest would be piled in the center, and adults and children would get to work making wreaths, tree ornaments and centerpieces.

While we did this, we would take turns making batches of aebleskivers, which we dipped in raspberry preserves and powdered sugar and washed down with mugs of steaming glogg. It may have been cold and wintry outside, but inside, everything was warm and toasty.

Now we live in California, and we continue our family traditions from Europe at Christmastime. We still make many of our holiday decorations, and of course, glogg and aebleskivers. In fact, I just finished a batch this afternoon, and as we sat in front of the fire with a glass of glogg, it began to rain outside. We didn't mind a bit. It was just like Denmark.

Danish Aebleskivers

Danish aebleskivers resemble doughnut holes and are served as a treat throughout the month of December. While they are sold frozen in the shops, nothing beats the vanilla and cardamom scent and tender texture of homemade aebleskivers. To make them, you will need a special aebleskiver pan, which is



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Danish Aebleskivers

a skillet with 6 to 8 round indentations. Cast iron is best.

Active Time: 40 minutes
Total Time: 40 minutes, plus 1 hour standing time
Yield: Makes about 20

- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 envelope dry yeast or .6-ounce fresh yeast (1 cake)
- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/2 vanilla bean
- 2 large eggs, separated
- Unsalted European-style butter
- Strawberry or raspberry preserves
- Powdered sugar

Heat milk in a small saucepan until luke-warm. Pour the milk into a bowl and add the yeast. Let stand until the yeast dissolves.

Combine the flour, sugar, salt and cardamom in a medium bowl. Split the vanilla bean lengthwise and scrape the seeds into the dry ingredients.

Whisk the egg yolks into the milk and then add the milk to the flour and mix to combine.

Beat the egg whites in the bowl of an electric mixer until stiff. Fold the egg whites into the batter. Let stand one hour at room temperature.

Melt 1/2 teaspoon butter in each indentation of an aebleskiver pan over medium heat. Pour the batter into each indentation, about 2/3 full. Cook until golden brown underneath, 3 to 4 minutes. Using a wooden skewer, turn the aebleskivers over and continue to cook until golden and cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes more. Transfer the aebleskivers to a plate lined with a paper towel and repeat with the remaining batter. Serve the aebleskivers with powdered sugar and preserves.

Snow days, virtual opera: The office holiday party goes on

By **KELVIN CHAN** and **ALEXANDRA OLSON**
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — An online murder mystery. Law-themed opera arias. A snowman-building competition.

With dancing, drinking and fancy dinners a no-go because of virus concerns, companies are getting creative about their holiday office parties this year. The challenge is how to organize a virtual celebration that doesn't feel like yet another Zoom meeting.

Many are forgoing parties altogether and instead giving employees gift baskets, extra time off or donations to charities of their choice. Just 23 percent of companies were planning celebrations, down from 76 percent last year, in a survey of 189 companies by global outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas. Nearly three-quarters of parties this year will be virtual.

The companies going ahead found their pandemic-weary employees want some kind of bash to break up the anxiety and isolation permeating the holidays.

"People are itching to see each other in person, but I also don't feel totally comfortable holding a typical dinner and open bar," said John Ross, president of Test Prep Insight, a small online education company with 10 employees based in Sacramento, California. "And I know some Zoom-style virtual party just won't cut it."

He landed on the idea of a snow day at a resort near Lake Tahoe, with sledding, snowshoeing and a snowman-building competition. There will be a catered lunch, but no alcohol. Oh, and no plus-ones.

Demand has been high for off-the-wall virtual parties, said Jonathan Como, co-founder of Offsyte, a marketplace for corporate team events, which has organized online holiday events for companies including health insurance giant Blue Shield, the ride-hailing company Lyft, and the dating app Tinder.

Most popular are celebrations that involve sending food and drink to employees for online cocktail or chocolate-making classes, Como said. Also big are virtual escape rooms where employees can play games.

That's the route marketing firm Rank Fuse is taking, bringing its employees together for a virtual murder mystery through Red Herring Games, said Chelsea Roller, culture manager at the Overland Park, Kansas, firm, which normally organizes a holiday dinner or bowling party.

"It will likely be very silly because every employee will be given a character to play," Roller said. "Truthfully, we almost didn't have a company party. However, numerous people started asking about one, so we decided it was the least we could do."

Many companies are using virtual celebrations to offer something people have missed throughout the pandemic: live entertainment.

Hire Space, a U.K. event booking site, is organizing 70 virtual office parties in December, according to co-founder Edward Poland. The party "rooms" will include live jazz, cabaret acts, magic shows and stand-up comedy.

On Site Opera, a New York City group that performs at non-traditional venues, got an unusual request to perform arias for a team of lawyers at a California firm. The numbers will include an aria from Carmen in which the title character tries to negotiate herself out of prison — a favorite of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who famously loved opera, said Artistic Director Eric Einhorn.

"It's just a chance for the attendees to nerd out with us, to have a good time," Einhorn said.

Some larger companies are spreading out events over several weeks and letting employees choose between ugly sweater contests, cooking lessons or pet costume competitions. Others are dividing celebrations up between teams.

A team of social media managers at PC maker Dell organized a Secret Santa gift exchange and a virtual show-and-tell for employees to share a meaningful memory or thing. The team is new and had only met in person once before the pandemic erupted in the spring.

"It's been a wild year, and as a new team we had to work extra hard — and in new and different ways — to build community," said Susie Gidseg, the team's senior manager.

COVID-19 has created new jobs – for scammers

If the devastation of losing your job because of the coronavirus pandemic isn't enough, imagine being conned by scammers capitalizing on the spread of COVID-19 and your desperation to generate some income.

Michelle Singletary



Income-based scams have increased significantly because of the pandemic. In the first nine months of 2020, people looking for ways to earn money were cheated out of \$150 million, according to new data from the Federal Trade Commission.

"Scammers have been even bolder during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Andrew Smith, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "So many of us are unemployed or underemployed, stuck at home and badly in need of income. In fact, the number of income scams reported to the FTC reached the highest level on record in the second quarter of 2020. These scammers are taking advantage of a desperate situation to rip money from the hands of those of us least able to afford it."

In a crackdown the authorities are calling "Operation Income Illusion," the FTC — along with 19 federal, state and local law enforcement partners — is focusing on shutting down fake employment, work-at-home, multilevel marketing and investment scams.

In Maryland, Attorney General Brian Frosh, D, announced enforcement actions against several companies pitching franchise

opportunities. In another scheme, promoters targeted members of the African immigrant community, promising huge returns on their investments in a cryptocurrency, a highly risky proposition even when it's a legitimate investment.

"The past year has been especially difficult for many families who've lost their source of income due to the COVID pandemic," Frosh said during a news conference call. "In some cases, families are desperate to make ends meet, pay for much-needed health care or simply put food on the table. And, in addition to all the other pain this pandemic has caused, it made many Americans become especially vulnerable to income [scams] and unwise investment opportunities."

The FTC has taken legal action against a number of bogus income cons, many of which are just preposterous.

■ A Florida-based scam lured people in by promising they could earn between \$500 and \$12,500 in commissions in a digital income scheme. People paid for various levels of membership — \$1,000 to \$25,000 — and in return they could "earn" the right to make money off the recruitment of other people into the program. For example, someone paying \$1,000 for an entrepreneur-level membership could make \$500 if another person was sold a membership at that same level. There were no products involved or services offered. As I read how the scam worked, I was wondering how anyone could fall for it. But desperation can make you susceptible to what appears to be an easy way to make money.

■ One scam targeted Latina consumers with a work-at-home scheme in which they would resell luxury products such as brand-name perfumes. Victims were told they could earn up to \$1,000 a week. The scammers targeted "Latina consumers in the midst of the COVID-19 health and economic crisis ... seizing on economic insecurity in the community," the FTC complaint said.

■ An investment scheme targeting retirees and older adults promised they could double or triple their money in one week by taking advantage of "secret trading techniques" tied to opportunities related to the pandemic.

■ Another bogus work-at-home scam claimed an affiliation with Amazon. None existed, of course. When the COVID-19 outbreak began, the scammers targeted people who had lost their jobs, hitting them with robocalls that allegedly said the company could offer them an opportunity to work from home and make up to \$400 a day.

"As these cases show, the financial fallout of the pandemic has increased both financial distress and opportunities for scammers," Smith said.

In announcing the enforcement actions, the FTC said it has created a new consumer education campaign about income-based scams. You can find more information at ftc.gov/incomescams.

Here's what you can do to protect yourself from a COVID-19-related income scam, according to the FTC.

■ *Slow down.* If you find a business opportunity, take your time to investigate it. Don't make

a decision during the presentation. "High-pressure sales pitches are always a big red flag," Smith said. I can second that. I've sat in on many bogus work-at-home or investment opportunity meetings. My reporting led to the shutdown of one. Here's what I found as a sign the business opportunity wasn't legit: The more questions I asked, the more agitated and defensive the promoter got. So ask a lot of questions.

■ *Don't believe the hype of success stories or testimonials.* "Our experience shows us that glowing stories can be fake, and online reviews can be made up," Smith said.

■ *Skip the research and you're more likely to be victimized.* Promoters of pandemic-related scams know you're in a hurry to make money. So they count on you not vetting their claims. Something as simple as an online search can save you from a scam. Search for the company's name and add the words "review," "scam," or "complaint" to your online inquiry. "Finding no complaints doesn't mean the company is legitimate," Smith said, "but complaints can tip you off to possible problems."

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

ISP to increase overtime patrols during holidays

Troopers looking for impaired and unbuckled motorists

STAFF REPORT

Troopers working from the Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post will be increasing overtime patrols during the Christmas and New Years’ driving period, according to public information officer Sgt.

Tony Slocum.

This is part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over national enforcement mobilization that runs through Jan. 1, 2021. Officers will be searching for impaired drivers, whether it’s alcohol or drugs. Officers will also be on the lookout for unbuckled motorists.

The patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and dispersed to Indiana

law enforcement agencies by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

Statistics show the holiday driving season is one of the deadliest times of the year for impaired-driving fatalities. According to NHTSA, during the Christmas and New Years Day holiday periods in 2018, there were 285 drunk-driving-related fatalities in the United States. In December 2019, Indiana had 415

alcohol-related crashes, resulting in 105 injuries and 11 fatalities.

In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration level (BAC) of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under the age of 21, that have a BAC of .02 or higher, are subject to fines and a license suspension up to one year.

Impaired driving includes more than alcohol. Illegal drugs and even some over-the-

counter and prescription medications can also cause impairment. Narcotics can slow coordination, judgment and reaction times while driving.

To further save lives and prevent traffic fatalities, officers will also be watching for seat belt violations. According to NHTSA, from 1975 to 2017, seat belts have saved an estimated 374,196 lives. While Indiana’s seat belt usage rate is above the national average

of 90.7 percent, more than half of the people who were killed in motor vehicle crashes, in 2019, were unbuckled.

Indiana has a primary seat-belt law, meaning that police officers may ticket unrestrained drivers or passengers, even if no other traffic violation has taken place. Children under 8 years of age must be properly restrained in a federally approved child safety or booster seat.

COVID

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dose. More than 50 Indiana hospitals and clinics are expected to receive a total of 55,575 doses of vaccine by the end of the week, and additional shipments are expected weekly. The vaccine requires two doses administered a minimum of 21 to 28 days apart.

On Wednesday, ISDH media relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter said there have been no reports of severe allergic reactions in Indiana since the vaccinations had begun here.

“We have provided specific guidance to vaccine administrators that includes questions to ask individuals before administering vaccine and instructions on post-vaccination monitoring,” said Wade-Taxter.

On Thursday, Brigle said the vaccine vials were manufactured to ensure five doses in every vial.

Brigle said after conferring with the manufacturer, the ISDH and other vaccine sites, “we have found that we can consistently draw six doses per vial of the vaccine and meet all reconstitution and administration requirements.”

Brigle said in addition to vaccinating its co-workers who meet the criteria, Parkview will vaccinate eligible healthcare workers from other organizations in Allen, Huntington and Whitely counties.

As part of the state’s vaccination plan, Marion General Hospital (MGH) has been designated as a Phase 1-A vaccine distribution site and will be responsible for handling the vaccination of health care workers in Grant and Wabash counties.

On Thursday, Lutheran Health community relations and strategic events director Joy Lohse said they would begin vaccinations Friday morning at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne and Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

For more information, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine.

Free testing continues at Parkview Wabash

On Friday, Dec. 11, the city and Parkview Wabash Hospital announced they would be partnering to continue to provide a site for OptumServe to administer free COVID-19 testing.

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

Residents will have to register to schedule an appointment through the Optum/LHI website by visiting <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1116.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH’s long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday with results as of Wednesday, Dec. 9. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

In Wabash County, only

Bickford of Wabash reported no cases.

Otherwise, during the latest update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, seven total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 26 staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported 52 total resident positive cases, seven total resident deaths and 108 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported six total resident positive cases and 16 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases and eight staff positive cases.

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash reported eight new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 16 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

■ Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 19 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

■ Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 32 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 25 staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Center in LaFontaine reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, fewer than five new resident deaths, 54 total resident positive cases, 11 total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.

School figures

The ISDH’s school dashboard was updated Monday, Dec. 14 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 193 schools reported no cases, 1,863 reported one or more case and 312 have not reported.

In Wabash County, only White’s Jr./Sr. High School has reported to the ISDH that they have no cases.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, fewer than five new teacher positive cases, 33 total student positive cases, seven total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported fewer than five total student positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five each new staff positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported 36 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported fewer than five new staff positive cases, fewer than five total student positive cases, seven total teacher positive

cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash Middle School reported fewer than five new student positive cases and 10 total student positive cases.

■ Wabash High School (WHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 10 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Saint Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than five each new teacher positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 11 total student positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

On the Manchester Community Schools’ (MCS) own dashboard the information is updated once contact tracing is complete and all close contacts have been notified. MCS defines close contact is when an individual is within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of someone with confirmed COVID-19.

“The Wabash County Health Department determined close contacts in conjunction with school personnel and advised us who to quarantine,” stated MCS.

As of Friday, the total positive cases in all MCS since August was at 57, and the total number of additional people quarantined was at 240.

The individually reported MCS cases include:

■ Sept. 28: One case each at MES and MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Oct. 10: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 14: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 15: One case at MES, with five people quarantined. And one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Oct. 16: One case at MHS, with 34 people quarantined.

■ Oct. 20: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Oct. 21: One case at MIS, with one person quarantined.

■ Oct. 28: One case at MHS, with no additional people quarantined.

■ Nov. 2: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 3: Two cases at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 4: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 4: One case at MIS with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 5: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 6: One case at MES, and one case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 8: One case at MCS Transportation, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 9: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 10: Three cases at MHS, with three people quarantined; and one case at MES, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 13: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined.

■ Nov. 14: One case at MHS, with three people quarantined.

■ Nov. 16: Two cases at MHS, with seven people quarantined; one case at MCS Transportation including all schools in the district, with 25 people quarantined; and one case at MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Nov. 17: One case at MES, with 22 people quarantined; and one case at MCS Transportation, with four people quarantined.

■ Nov. 19: One case at MHS, with six people quarantined; and one case at MCS Transportation, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 20: Two cases at MHS, with 15 people quarantined.

■ Nov. 22: One case at MES, with 11 people quarantined.

■ Nov. 23: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Nov. 24: Four cases at MHS, with 24 people quarantined.

■ Nov. 25: One case at MHS, with four people quarantined.

■ Nov. 29: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Nov. 30: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Dec. 1: One case at MIS, with three people quarantined; and one case at MHS, with three people quarantined.

■ Dec. 3: One case at MHS, with two people quarantined.

■ Dec. 4: One case at MHS, with one person quarantined.

■ Dec. 8: Three cases at MHS, with five people quarantined.

■ Dec. 10: Two cases at MHS, with 15 people quarantined.

■ Dec. 14: One case at MIS, with 17 people

quarantined.

■ Dec. 16: One case at MES, with 16 people quarantined.

Local figures

On Wednesday, the ISDH reported 38 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 2,362, with 11,394 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 13.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 26 percent.

On Thursday, the ISDH reported 23 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 2,385, with 11,455 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 13.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 24.8 percent.

On Friday, the ISDH reported 14 new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 2,399, with 11,504 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate for all tests was 13.5 percent. The local seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals was 23.9 percent.

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 6,088 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 453,139 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

STAFF REPORT

Asbury Country Church

At the Sunday, Dec. 20 service at Asbury Country Church, the services will be 9:30 a.m. for Sunday school and 10:30 a.m. for the worship service. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Kathy Staggs. The Morning Message will be, "Obedience to God's Word" by Pastor Mike Bullick. Merry Christmas from Asbury Country Church.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service is streamed live every Sunday on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing.

For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

For the Sunday, Dec. 20 services at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We are still having two in-person morning Sunday Services, one at 8:15 a.m. and another at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski's message for this Sunday will be "The Purpose of Christmas" from Luke 1:26-38 as a part of the ongoing sermon series, "Christmas Through the Eyes of Angels." The Communion Table will be served by Bill Miller and Chuck Marion. There will be a Children's Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be taught by Kelly and Lynnette Good. If you can't make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist worship services are at 10 a.m. Sundays, with Sun-

day school at 9 a.m. at 5848 E. 500 South. For more information, email Pastor John Cool at pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranchchurch.com. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have an online-only service at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The sermon is from Luke 2:1-20 titled, "Good News of Great Joy." The fourth Sunday of Advent will be observed.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanyokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., hasn't fully opened for in-person services, but services are available to view online at www.wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look

for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Prince of Peace." The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sundays on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday Servants are Sue White, chairperson; Tina Eakright, worship; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. *Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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Wabash girls hold off late Oak Hill rally

Lady Apaches basketball team hosts Northfield today

By SCOTT HUNT
Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

For most of the first three quarters Tuesday night, the Wabash girls basketball team did everything it needed to earn a convincing win at Oak Hill.

However, finishing off the 44-41 win over the Golden Eagles proved to be a difficult task for the Apaches.

Wabash used a 9-0, first-quarter run to build a 13-7 lead then held the Eagles to a single point in the second quarter to pull away for a 26-8 lead at intermission.

The Apaches still held a 31-13 advantage with just two minutes remaining in the third quarter when the tide of momentum slowly started to switch sides.

“Early I thought we really got after it defensively,” said Wabash coach Matt Stone. “We were hitting the boards and we were playing well. We used our defense to create offense. We just have to learn how to finish games.”

Oak Hill used part of the same formula that worked for Wabash to claw its way back into the game. The Eagles increased their defensive intensity, trapping Apache ball handlers as often as possible, which led to 18 second-half turnovers for Wabash, with most coming over the final 10 minutes.

“I did not think that we played with the type of intensity and desire that we needed to play with the first two-and-a-half quarters,” said Oak



Wabash's Alivia Short defends against Oak Hill's Kate Hornocker in the first half of the Apaches' 44-41 win Tuesday at Oak Hill.

Photo by Scott Hunt / Chronicle-Tribune

Hill's first-year coach Clay Bolser. “I told the girls that. Anybody that watched it could see that it was not the same effort as it was the last quarter.”

Carlee Biddle and Holly Gillespie each scored a bucket in the final 20 seconds of the third quarter to pare the Wabash lead to 31-17 entering the final eight minutes.

Nicole Gunderman and Mariah Wyatt each scored a basket for Wabash with an Audrey Leak 3-pointer for Oak Hill in between. A Biddle free throw and rebound basket for

Kate Hornocker preceded another bucket by Wyatt – the last field goal for Wabash in the game – and the Apaches were still comfortably up 37-23 with 4:46 remaining.

Nikki Alston was fouled on a corner 3-pointer and converted the free throw to pull Oak Hill within 10, then Leak swished home another triple 35 seconds later to shrink the Wabash lead to 37-30 with 3:45 to play.

Both teams missed three free throw attempts and neither scored over the next 2:30 before Libby

Mattern made a pair of charity tosses to push the Apache lead to nine with only 70 seconds left.

Leak hit a short jump shot to pull Oak Hill within seven before Alivia Short converted 1-of-2 free throws with 53.6 seconds left for a 40-32 Wabash lead.

Gillespie made a pair of free throws for the Eagles, Gunderman and Short each hit 1-of-2 for the Apaches and the lead was 42-34 with only 22.3 seconds left.

After Biddle made 1-of-2 from the line with 17 seconds left, the Apaches turned the ball over twice in rapid succession. Each time Oak Hill cashed in with a 3-pointer, the first by Leak with 10 seconds to play and the second by Treniti Thurman. Oak Hill close had closed the Wabash lead to 42-41 with 4.5 seconds remaining.

Short was immediately fouled after making a tough catch while receiving the inbound pass and swished home both free throws to reach the final score with 3.5 seconds on the clock.

Gillespie dribbled across half court and put up a running shot from about 25-feet away, but the desperation three to tie the game was off the mark and Wabash survived Oak Hill's intense comeback.

“We’ve had four away games out of our last five games and we did a bad job finishing. We went 2-2 in those games,” Stone said. “We had really good chances to win at (Tippecanoe) Valley and Rochester and let it get away. We have to learn how to finish games.

“We had 18 second-half turnovers, missed too many free throws, got in a little foul trouble,” he continued. “It’s about that consistency. It’s about taking care of the basketball. I

did think in that first half, defensively, that’s about as good of defense as we can play.”

Wyatt led the Apaches with 14 points and 12 rebounds before fouling out late in the fourth quarter. Short finished with eight points and six boards. Isabelle Davis and Madison Lutz each scored six points off the Wabash bench.

Oak Hill was led by Leak, who scored all 11 of her points in the fourth quarter. Alston finished with 10 points and Biddle added seven. Gillespie and Hornocker each scored four. Hornocker pulled down eight rebounds as well.

The Golden Eagles’ 24-point fourth quarter was its most prolific eight minutes of the season. Oak Hill made 7-of-32 field goal attempts through the first three quarters then hit 7-of-15 in the fourth, including 5-of-7 from 3-point range.

“This (season) can’t be defined by wins and losses. It has to be defined by the progress, the process of what we’re going to do,” Bolser said. “... Our biggest problem is a lack of confidence. It’s a mental block of thinking that we’ve got to do this or got to do that.

“I’m proud of the way that they have bought into everything. They are doing a lot of great things,” he added. “This team is a lot better than what our record is. We’re not going to worry about what our record is at this point. We’re going to worry about continuing to improve, continuing to compete.”

Oak Hill (3-7) hosted Wapahani Thursday will travel to Class 2A No. 2 Frankton on Saturday. Wabash (6-4) hosts Northfield Saturday.

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Southwood girls basketball falls to TRC opponent Manchester

The Lady Knights are back in action today vs. Peru

By BRIDGET NASH
Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

After the Manchester Lady Squires JV squad pulled a gritty overtime JV win against TRC rival Southwood, the varsity team took the court. The Southwood Lady Knights battled it out at fellow Wabash County school Manchester on Thursday night. Southwood entered the game with a 2-4 record and the Lady Squires entered with a 5-5 record.

Southwood started the game in a full-court press to pick up the tempo of the game. Manchester took the first points of the game, with a three-pointer from senior Eva Bazzoni. The Lady Squires started in a zone defense to use their length to their advantage to grab deflections and steals. Both teams fought to get to the basket during the first quarter, but after a contested layup from Bazzoni, the Squires led 13 to 4 and forced a Lady Knights time out. With a minute left in the first quarter, Southwood sophomore Aleia Sweet drove to the basket drawing a foul, keeping the knights within 10 points of the squires. Manchester senior Beletu Stout made a last-second three, ending the quarter with a lead of 22 to 7

The Lady Squires came out swinging, going on a 5 to 0 run before the Southwood offense scored.

Senior Maggie Ball scored a layup with two minutes left, making the score 30 to 13. Manchester answered with a pick and roll by seniors Emma Garriot and Morgan Parrett, with Parrett finishing the layup and drawing the foul making a three-point play and the halftime score at 35 to 13. Ball scored all six points of the quarter for the Lady Knights.

The third quarter was full of back-and-forth play. Both teams continued to fight hard and keep up the pressure.



Sophomore Aleia Sweet drives against Manchester defender in the third quarter.

Photo by Bridget Nash / Plain Dealer

“We will look to push the tempo when we can but are willing to play more deliberately if that gives us the best chance in any specific game,” said Manchester head coach Josh Troyer. The third quarter ended with a score of 47 to 25.

The fourth quarter’s story was about the same as the third. The quarter opened with an assist from Bazzoni to Meyer for a layup. Buckets were traded back and forth between teams for the rest of the game. The Southwood Lady Knights fell to Manchester 55 to 33. Southwood moved to 0-2 in conference play and Manchester moved to 2-0.

There were several notable performances on the floor. On the Lady Knights side, Sweet led the team with a total of 15 points and junior Bailey Wyatt added 9 points to the board for the Lady Knights. For the Squires, junior Ainsley West totaled 15 points.

“We moved the ball well and played defense together,” said West.

Bazzoni also added 14 points for Manchester.

The Lady Knights are back in action on Saturday against Peru.

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Manchester junior Mackenzy Meyer tips off against Southwood senior Maggie Ball.

SCOREBOARD

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	10	3	0	.769	359	321
Miami	8	5	0	.615	330	245
New England	6	7	0	.462	277	279
N.Y. Jets	0	13	0	.000	183	393

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	372	300
Tennessee	9	4	0	.692	390	336
Houston	4	9	0	.308	295	359
Jacksonville	1	12	0	.077	261	383

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	11	2	0	.846	349	237
Cleveland	9	4	0	.692	348	268
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	363	273
Cincinnati	2	10	1	.192	244	338

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Kansas City	12	1	0	.923	403	281
Las Vegas	7	7	0	.500	377	421
Denver	5	8	0	.385	257	347
L.A. Chargers	5	9	0	.357	327	389

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	7	0	.462	287	275
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	282	291
Phila.	4	8	1	.346	277	328
Dallas	4	9	0	.308	298	400

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	368	265
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	370	294
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	328	322
Carolina	4	9	0	.308	307	332

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	410	323
Chicago	6	7	0	.462	282	291
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	333	355
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	310	389

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692	325	246
Seattle	9	4	0	.692	393	324
Arizona	7	6	0	.538	358	303
San Francisco	5	8	0	.385	300	311

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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Thursday's Game						
L.A. Chargers 30, Las Vegas 27, OT						
Saturday's Games						
Buffalo at Denver, 4:30 p.m.						
Carolina at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.						

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.						
Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.						
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.						
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.						
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.						
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.						
Seattle at Washington, 1 p.m.						
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.						
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.						
Phila. at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.						
Kansas City at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.						
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.						
Phila. at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.						
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.						
Monday, Dec. 28						
Buffalo at New England, 8:15 p.m.						

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Friday, Dec. 25						
Minnesota at New Orleans, 4:30 p.m.						
Saturday, Dec. 26						
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.						
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:30 p.m.						
Miami at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.						

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Sunday, Dec. 27						
Atlanta at Kansas City, 1 p.m.						
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.						
Chicago at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.						
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.						
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.						
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Schedule

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Friday, Dec. 18						
UAB (5-3) at Marshall (7-1)						
Nebraska (2-5) at Rutgers (3-5)						
Ball St. (5-1) vs. Buffalo (5-0)						
Oregon (3-2) at Southern Cal (5-0)						
Saturday, Dec. 19						
Texas A&M (7-1) at Tennessee (3-6), Noon						
Northwestern (6-1) vs. Ohio St. (5-0), Noon						
Oklahoma (7-2) vs. Iowa St. (8-2), Noon						
Washington St. (1-2) at Utah (2-2), 1:30 p.m.						
Air Force (3-2) at Army (8-2), 3 p.m.						
Missouri (5-4) at Miss. St. (2-7), 3:30 p.m.						
Mississippi (4-4) at LSU (4-5), 3:30 p.m.						
Clemson (9-1) vs. Notre Dame (10-0), 4 p.m.						
Minnesota (3-3) at Wisconsin (2-3), 4 p.m.						

Boise St. (5-1) at San Jose St. (6-0), 4:30 p.m.
Illinois (2-5) at Penn St. (3-5), 5:30 p.m.
Stanford (3-2) at UCLA (3-3), 7 p.m.
Alabama (10-0) vs. Florida (8-2), 8 p.m.
Tulsa (6-1) at Cincinnati (8-0), 8 p.m.
Arizona St. (1-2) at Oregon St. (2-4), 10:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21

App. St. (8-3) vs. North Texas (4-5), 2:30 p.m.

Postponements and Cancellations

Florida St. at Wake Forest, ccd.
La.-Lafayette at Coastal Carolina, ccd.
Michigan St. at Maryland, ccd.
La.-Monroe at Troy, ccd.
Purdue at Indiana, ccd.
Georgia Tech at Miami, ccd.
Vanderbilt at Georgia, ccd.
Arizona at Cal., ccd.
Michigan at Iowa, ccd.
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2020-21 Bowl Glance

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Bahamas Bowl
Celebration Bowl
Fenway Bowl
Frisco Bowl
Hawaii Bowl
Holiday Bowl
LA Bowl
Las Vegas Bowl
Pinstripe Bowl
Quick Lane Bowl
Redbox Bowl
Sun Bowl

Monday, Dec. 21

MYRTLE BEACH BOWL

Conway, S.C.
App. St. vs. North Texas, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 22

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Boise
Tulane vs. Nevada, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
BOCA RATON (FLA.) BOWL
UCF vs. BYU, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 23

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Louisiana Tech vs. Georgia Southern, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

MONTGOMERY (ALA.) BOWL

Memphis vs. FAU, 7 p.m., (ESPN of ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 24

NEW MEXICO BOWL

Frisco, Texas
Hawaii vs. Houston, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jonathan Holder on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA FOUNDATION — Named Greg Taylor executive director.

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Signed F Trey Mourning to a training camp deal.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed OT Greg Little on injured reserve.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed QB Kyle Shurmur to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed CB Tramaine Brock to the practice squad. Released CB Dee Virgin. Placed CB Jeff Okudah on injured reserve.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Claimed CB Mark Fields III from Minnesota waivers. Placed G Hjalte Froholdt on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed LB Kamalei Correa on the exempt/left squad list.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Promoted DB Rashaan Gauden and DB Javin White to active roster.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Promoted LB B.J. Bello, DE Jessie Lemonier and S Jaylen Watkins to the active roster. Waived RB Troy-maine Pope.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed WR Marcus Kemp. Placed DE Tyshun Renner on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Announced offensive coordinator Jason Garrett tested positive for COVID-19 and Freddie Kitchens will serve as offensive play caller for Sunday's game.

Placed CB James Bradberry on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated Devonta Freeman from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed K Sergio Castillo. Placed DT Folorunso Fatukasi on the reserve/COVID-19 list.

COLLEGE


PURDUE UNIVERSITY — Announced Jeff Brohm will not return as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach for 2021 season.



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD


Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.


DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for Church at Home, our live-streamed service, on Facebook on Sunday morning at 10:45AM. In person services are temporarily suspended.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN


Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.





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Daily Bible Reading						
Revelation 19:11-21	Malachi 1:1-14	Malachi 2:1-17	Malachi 3:1-18	Malachi 4:1-6	Isaiah 7:1-25	Isaiah 8:1-20

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